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Feby 5th 1776

Dear Brother,

I wrote you sometime since by Mr Lyde who comes to you in the Greyhound Man of War, but as I have heard, that that Ship touches in at Cork, perhaps you may receive this before ~~[illegible]~~ that reaches you, if so, I would advise my friends, that I had a short and easy passage of 23 days, and on my arrival, found, that my Sons were safe with their effects at Bristol, and that Mr Copley had returned to his place and that my Daughter & Children were in good health.

Mr Hayley accepted your Bill which I deposited with Messrs Gines & Atkinson G: Hutchinson's Bankers, where I propose it to rest, till I can better judge of the expediency of sending it out or improving it here. Your letter to Govr H: is not yet come to hand, so that, he has no direction as yet, to place any of your Money in my hands; that Gentleman has recd the proceeds of your plate sold by Mr Amory, & has invested that with your other money in Bank Stock.

I wrote you, of my design to send you & Mrs Bromfield some supply of Provisions by a Ship that was to have sailed long before this for Boston, the hard Frost which has lasted three weeks, has prevented shipping any thing aboard her; but as the Ice is now breaking up, I expect orders to send the articles, (which I have provided) aboard, in a day or two. I propose to ship them in Genl Robinson's name; if I have herein been too free with that Gentleman, I must leave it with you to make up the affair.

I hope to send the small articles in your Memorandum, by one or other of our Countrymen soon; we must guess at the sizes of the Shoes, as I don't find I

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have any measure for them. I advised you in my last, that I find no encouragement at present to make any attempt relative to the affair, which you communicated to your late Neighbour; I hope a more seasonable opportunity may occur hereafter.

I hope you'le excuse my not attempting to send you any information of the designed measures of Government, as such an attempt might prevent this coming to your hands; if I shall judge it prudent, I may hereafter write you with more freedom on this head, at present I may only say that I am informed that the exertions will be great, & speedy, and I pray God they may be effectual to save our unhappy country from ruin.

We have no advices from Boston since the Tartar arrived, which was a Month since; two or three of the transports that sailed with her, have also got in, we hear nothing of Col.o Hamilton, and the Officers with him, nor have I as yet any thing from any of my friends; I have the pleasure of hearing of the good success of inoculation, but can't hear any thing particularly of your family & my other near connections, which would have given me great satisfaction; I hope I shall not be without a letter much longer. My thoughts are continually with you, the bad state in which I left the Town, and the farther bad accounts brought by the Tartar, distress me much, and greatly abate the satisfaction which I should otherways enjoy, in the happy state of so many of my Children now with me. It would give me the greatest Joy to hear, that some considerable part of the supplies, sent from hence had got in; I hope if they have not, that a Ship has been dispatched to the West Indies seasonably in order collect the Vessells that have been blown off, & to convoy them to you as soon as possible. I hope if you can rub through the Winter, you will be better taken care of the next season. God grant, that this may find your family and my other friends in a tolerable condition. I hope Sister may have got well through her difficulties; pray give my affectionate regards to her & the Children — I am

Dear Sir,
Your affect. Brother & Friend
Richard Clarke

P.S. Lord How is coming over to you —, please to direct to me at Mr. Copley's Leicester Square.

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Son & Daughter Copley send their dutiful & affectionate regards to you, Sister and the Children, and so would my Sons if they knew I was writeing —

P: S: Since the above I have heard that Col.o Hamilton has got into Ireland, w.d please to inform Doct.r Perkins of, with my compliments.

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To

Isaac Winslow Esqr

Boston

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